

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 9, 2021

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room of the Administration Building in Lancaster, Wisconsin and via Zoom.

Attending the meeting in person were Donald Splinter, John Patcle, Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Highway Commissioner Jon Knautz, County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Personnel Director Joyce Roling, Finance Director Amanda Degenhardt, Dan McLimans, Travis Kramer, Fred Gruber, and Pat Boland. Attending via Zoom were Dwight Nelson and Karla Schwantes.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the media and the agenda was posted at the Administration Building and Highway Office.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to accept the August Highway Accounts Payable Report as reviewed by the Committee. Motion carried.

For the first seven months of 2021, Grant County is over the estimated RMA budget by \$342,054.85.

CTH "Z" has been pulverized and County crews have been digging out soft spots and filling with breaker rock and gravel. Asphalt binder is expected to be placed starting the 3rd week of September. Crews continue to cleanup storm debris in the County.

State crews have placed 4530 tons of salt into the F.S. dome, and Dickeyville and Platteville salt sheds. The remaining salt will be received in October. They have also been working on erosion control in the Beetown area, culvert work, and cleanup of storm damage in the Woodman area.

Fred Gruber and Pat Boland of Jewell Associates gave the Committee an update on the CTH "A" project east of Bloomington and the challenges involved in dealing with the Wisconsin DNR and FEMA. The Committee will decide at the October meeting if the work on CTH "A" will be postponed to some time in the future and the Federal money used on CTH "H" instead.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to authorize the Highway Commissioner to sell a 1998 Case 621B end loader, 2001 Case 821C end loader, and a 2007 Peterbilt dump truck through Wisconsin Surplus Auction. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, to obtain quotes on a new Power Broom. Motion carried.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by John Patcle, to obtain quotes to have two quad axle truck frames sandblasted and painted. Motion carried.

John discussed the 2022 Highway Department budget and his recommendation as to changes that would allow the Department to submit a balanced budget.

- John recommended the following changes to the 2022 Highway Department budget:
- reduce routine maintenance account \$25,000.00
 - reduce winter maintenance account \$25,000.00
 - reduce mats and seals account \$75,000.00
 - reduce road oil account \$30,000.00
 - reduce engineering account \$30,000.00
 - capital/outlay account \$125,000.00

The Finance Director and County Board Chairman discussed bonding to fund the new truck shop project at Patch Grove and a new central Highway shop and office at the County Farm property.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve the 2022 Highway Department budget with the changes recommended by the Highway Commissioner. Motion carried by majority vote. Mark Stead and John Patchle voted no.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to adjourn at 10:14 A.M. to Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary